

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
TOO PESSIMISTIC

It is an excellent idea, of course, to limit your loss (if possible) when you reach a hopeless contract, but it is another excellent idea to be sure that the hand is hopeless. South in this deal was too pessimistic.

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A 5 8
 ♥ A 7
 ♦ K J 9 7 5 4 3 2
 ♣ K 7
 ♠ K J 9 8
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ 9
 ♣ Q 9 7 6 3
 ♠ 10 6
 ♥ K Q J 10 8 6 4
 ♦ K 10 8 2
 ♣ A Q 10 8

The bidding:
 East South West North
 1 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠
 2 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ 6 ♠
 3 ♠ 6 ♠ Pass Pass
 4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Perhaps the outcome was at least partially due to the fact that South was disgusted when North bid six clubs and prevented South from doubling six clubs. North, however, could not be blamed too severely for feeling that his side might have a playable slam.

West, impressed by his partner's double of six clubs, opened the singleton eight, and when East covered dummy's nine, South ruffed. Declarer reasoned that, considering the double of clubs and West's opening lead, it would be impossible to set up and reach dummy's long suit. If South ruffed a diamond on the board, then led a high club through East, the latter (an expert) surely would refuse to cover—he would keep his high clubs and let West ruff the trick if South didn't ruff. So declarer decided that he had better trump two diamonds in dummy and settle for down two—which he did.

At the risk of an additional 300 points, South could have tried for the enormous reward of making the contract. If he had led the heart king he would have seen West's nine—and that would have been a highly revealing card. Over-taking the king with dummy's ace, South could now lead a high club through East, who would be forced to cover. Then or later, South would ruff, then go back to dummy's trump seven and lead another high club through East. So the club suit would be set up, and South could draw East's last trump and claim the slam, plus a 200-point overtrick!

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

OLD MR. SUN DOES HIS BIT

Each one for others does his bit, Though often not aware of it. —Old Mother Nature.

Jolly, round bright Mr. Sun, looking down from the blue, blue sky, sees many things, good things, lovely things, unpleasant things, bad things, going on down below. This



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morning as he looked down on a world of white. In the night there had been a light rain. Then Jack Frost had followed the rain. Now, as jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun began his daily climb up in the blue, blue sky he looked down on a silvery world, a glittering, sparkling, flashing world that seemed to be made all of silver, or crystal. You see, that rain in the night had dampened the top snow, and then Jack Frost had turned it to ice.

In a certain part of the Green Forest Jolly, round, Mr. Sun, looked down on the place where Lightfoot the Deer, Mrs. Lightfoot and two young Deer were living. It was a yard, as it is called, a place where they had kept the snow tramped down. Outside that yard they couldn't get about in the deep snow. In their yard they could get about even though that icy crust had formed there. You see, they were heavy enough so that their sharp-edged hoofs broke it when they walked. They were not too

badly off.

In another part of the Green Forest he saw Reddy Fox, Gray Fox, and Old Man Coyote. He had not seen them for several days because the snow had been too deep and soft for them to get about in. Now that it was crusted over they could run about where they pleased, and all three were looking for a breakfast, but all three were having bad luck. Now before the big snow-fall Mr. Sun had each day watched Thunderer the Grouse, and Mrs. Grouse, and their flock of young Grouse. He had watched them day after day. This morning when he looked down, he saw only Thunderer, Mrs. Grouse, and two of the young Grouse. Though he looked and looked, he could see no others. Where could they be? He saw Happy Jack, the Gray Squirrel, and Chatterer the Red Squirrel, climbing about in the trees, or running about on the crust. They had plenty to eat. He saw Jumper the Hare. Jumper hadn't minded the soft snow because his feet acted like snow-shoes, and he could get about without sinking in the snow. He really had nothing to worry about. But where were those young Grouse? What had happened to them? Look as he would, Mr. Sun could see nothing of them.

As he climbed higher in the blue, blue sky, he smiled more and more broadly. The more broadly he smiled, the warmer became the million Little Sunbeams he was sending down into the Green Forest. There they were busy melting the icy coverings of the twigs, melting and softening the icy crust. Perhaps he didn't know where those young Grouse were prisoners underneath that crust, but whether he knew it or not, he was doing his bit to help them. It is often that way throughout the Great World, folks doing their bit to help other folks, sometimes purposely, but more times without even knowing it.

An 82-mile water pipe carries 100,000 barrels of water daily to oil refinery sites in Venezuela.

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Wednesday, January 12, 1955
SPRINGTOWN W. I.

The January meeting of the Springtown W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Duncan MacIntosh with five members present. The president presiding, the meeting opened by repeating Creed in unison, followed by roll call and reading and signing of minutes.

It was moved by Mrs. James Bryenton and seconded by Shirley MacLennan, a bill for treats for school children and shut-ins, also one for cards, be paid \$1.40 was voted to the TB League. The treasurer reported \$17.00 made at the Christmas concert, also a donation of \$1.25. Two members paid dues. Collections amounted to 55 cents. It was decided to order Easter, Valentine, and Sympathy, and get well cards, also to write to Eaton's and Simpsons-Sears for a donation of cotton. It was decided to invite Glen Valley to the next meeting on Feb. 2nd. It was also decided to have the annual banquet for Institute members and families on Jan. 19, at the home of Mrs. Duncan MacIntosh. It would be a hot dinner of duck and chicken. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Thompson, roll call to be answered with "What men dislike most in women." It was moved by Mrs. Duncan MacIntosh and seconded by Miss Shirley MacLennan meeting adjourn. Lunch was served by hostess.

SEA-GOING AUTHOR
Herman Melville, author of "Moby Dick" who died in 1891, was an American seaman at age 17.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | 5. Everlasting | 27. Ovum |
| 1. Rent | 6. Brush with a broom | 28. Male sheep |
| 6. Slant | 7. Not strict | 30. Island group |
| 11. Apportion | 8. Roman poet | 35. Hawaiian goddess |
| 12. Fluttered | 9. Hawaiian goddess | 36. Harden (var.) |
| 13. River (Fr.) | 10. Paradise | 21. Polynesian drink |
| 14. Banish | 16. Short piece of drapery across window top | 20. Obtain |
| 15. To merit | 19. Perched | 22. Enclosure |
| 17. Lair | 20. Obtain | 25. A disease of sheep |
| 18. Thin, brittle | 21. Polynesian drink | 26. An Etruscan goddess |
| 23. Man's nickname | 22. Enclosure | |
| 24. Chills and fever | 25. A disease of sheep | |
| 28. Lasting forever | 26. An Etruscan goddess | |
| 31. River (Afr.) | | |
| 32. Negative reply | | |
| 33. Excavate | | |
| 34. A twin crystal | | |
| 37. Dance step | | |
| 40. Large, showy flowers | | |
| 44. Spirit lamps | | |
| 46. An Asiatic bowstring hump | | |
| 47. Gaze fixedly | | |
| 48. Bay wind | | |
| 49. Narrow woven strips | | |
| 50. Snug retreats | | |



Yesterday's Answer

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
 AXYDLBAAXR
 is LONGFELLOW
 One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
 FUHS WS KA XETZXWN, FNEUW
 BTM WZ SKA YWANO—IEIA.
 Yesterday's Cryptquote: HE CAME WHEN POETS HAD FORGOT HOW RICH AND STRANGE THE HUMAN LOT—WATSON.

Believe It or Not!

4 BUNCHES OF BANANAS IN ONE STALK
 Submitted by JOHN KELLY New York City

THE STONE THRONE OF CARINTHIA
 Austria
 EACH NEW RULER OF CARINTHIA FOR HIS YEARS WAS REQUIRED TO SIT ON THIS THRONE OF BOULDERS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE DAY OF HIS INAUGURATION

OLD WOOD HEAD
 NATURAL GRAM IN A SPLIT LOG
 Submitted by ROY COVEY Orlando, Fla.

NAZIRI
 famed poet of Nishapur, Persia
 ASKED THE STATE TREASURER
 "IN RHYME—FOR THE DIMENSIONS
 OF A GOLD BRICK WORTH
 100,000 RUPEES
 THE TREASURER PRESENTED HIM
 WITH SUCH A GOLD BRICK
 —WORTH \$48,000

The Lone Ranger

WHILE THE BANK ROBBERS TALK IN THEIR ROOM—

IN MA HANK'S OFFICE THE DEPUTY FOUND NEW MONEY LIKE WE TOOK FROM THE BANK!

—THE DISGUISED LONE RANGER NEARS MA HANK'S OFFICE WINDOW.

SHERIFF THE BANKER! TELL YOU I DREW THAT CASH FROM MY BANK ACCOUNT YESTERDAY! I DIDN'T STEAL IT!

THAT'S TRUE! THIS IS THE SAME ISSUE AS THE STOLEN MONEY, BUT THE NUMBERS ARE DIFFERENT!

Joe Palooka

I'LL BE GON' BY MYSELF IN A COUPLE A DAYS.

VA MEAN I AIN'T GON' ALONG? WHY VA...VA INGRATEFUL UNGRATE...AFTER ALL I GONE A FER YA?

GO PEOPLE YER PAPERS, SON. YOU'RE A PAIN IN TH' NECK. YA GET IN MY HAIR?

WHAT HAIR? HEY!! I DIDN'T MEAN 'E GARBAGIS... HEY?

TO NEVER LET ON T' THAT SQUIREL THAT I'M TOO FLAT T' TAKE 'IM.

By Fran Striker

By Ham Fisher

Henry

Grandma

Muggs and Skeeter

Etta Kett

Tilly The Toiler

Mickey Mouse

Bringing Up Father

Secret Agent X9

By Mel Graff

Henry

By Carl Anderson

Grandma

By Charles Kuhns

Muggs and Skeeter

By Wally Bishop

Etta Kett

By Paul Robinson

Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson

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